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21 July 1949

25X11. Two fighters with radial engines, one twin-engine commercial plane, and one biplane were parked at the ALT LOENNEWITZ (N 52/E 84) airfield.

4 August 1949

2. No aircraft were observed at the ALT LOENNEWITZ airfield and there was no flying. were seen on the road leading to the airfield.

3. A local resident stated that Col RETKIN had been CO of the jet fighter unit previously stationed at the field. When his unit was transferred, RETKIN was promoted to general and transferred to the MOSCOW Air Force Ministry. About eight hundred EM and fifteen aircraft were stationed at the field. All accounts concerning the ALT LOENNEWITZ airfield had to be forwarded to the BRANDIS (N 52/E 41) airfield administration. It is assumed that the ALT LOENNEWITZ airfield was economically subordinate to the BRANDIS airfield.

25X1 Comment:

a. The observations made since June 1949 show that the ALT LOENNEWITZ airfield is only occupied by a few aircraft. The impression is obtained that the field is no longer occupied by a fighter regiment but only by individual trainers. No reports have been received on the present location of the apparently transferred fighter regiment.

b. The assumption that the ALT LOENNEWITZ airfield is economically subordinate to the BRANDIS airfield is possibly correct since the fighter pilot training units which were previously stationed in ALTANBURG are assumed to now be stationed at both airfields. The units stationed in ALT LOENNEWITZ and BRANDIS are presumably assigned to the same fighter division.

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c. The information that Col BERKIN was CO of the jet fighter unit which was stationed in APT LORENTZ last year was received for the first time.

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